MR. K. PADMANABHAN (*Chirayinkil I*): May I know from the member whether Government have started the sinking of two wells and have dropped half-way?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I claim notice.

Village Panchayat Court at Thrikkakara.

116. *MR. K. MAHOMED (*Alwaye*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether there is any representation for the starting of a Village Panchayat Court at Thrikkakara; and

(*b*) the decision of the Government in the matter?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*)

(*a*) No.

(*b*) Does not arise in view of the answer to part (*a*).

Teaching of Arabic in Schools.

117. *MR. N. ABDUR RAHIMAN SAHIB (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the number of schools where provision for Arabic teaching to Muslim students was made during the last three years and

(*b*) the number of schools recommended for Arabic instruction being imparted during the period?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*): (*a*) 28.

(*b*) 37.

Arabic Munshies.

118. *MR. K. MAHOMED (*Alwaye*): (*a*) Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the number of schools in which Arabic Munshies are appointed;

(*b*) whether there is any representation for appointing Arabic Munshies in any other school in the State; and

(*c*) if so how many?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*): (*a*) 67.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) 5.

Muslims who have passed the Arabic Munshies' Test.

119. *MR. K. MAHOMED (*Alwaye*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the number of Muslims who have passed the Arabic Munshies' Test (higher and lower grade) and

(*b*) of these how many are appointed?

MR R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*):

(*a*) Higher grade 21.

Lower grade—133.

(*b*) 118.

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